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from Stillwater to St. Louis. By 1864 the rafts were towed for the first time by a steamboat.

In eastern Wisconsin methods were different. Sawmills were built on the lake and bay shore, and timber was shipped by sailing and steam craft to the great lake ports. Oshkosh was built up by the Wolf River output and became in the sixties the "Sawdust City." Its output was chiefly shipped by railroad.

Among the "lumber kings" who have been prominent in Wisconsin political history are Isaac Stephenson, Nelson Ludington, Daniel Wells, Philetus Sawyer of eastern Wisconsin; Cadwallader C. Washburn, Thaddeus Pound, J. G. Thorpe, J. H. Knapp, A. L. Stout, and Alexander Stewart of western Wisconsin. Frederick Weyerhaeuser began exploiting Chippewa pine lands in the Civil War decade. In 1871 he organized the Mississippi River Logging Company, the greatest lumber syndicate of its time.

IDENTIFYING AN EARLY POSTSCRIPT

Can you identify a company which had a post office around 1856-57, the postmark of which reads: "G. D. D. & Min. P. Co.?" It may possibly have been in the vicinity of Pepin or North Pepin.

WM. F. GOERNER
Edgewood, Rhode Island

The postmark for which you inquire was that of the Galena, Dubuque, Dunleith, and Minnesota Packet Company, which plied its steamboats on the upper Mississippi during the decade of the fifties. It was commonly spoken of as the Minnesota Packet Company. You will find an account of its history in George B. Merrick, *Old Times on the Upper Mississippi* (Arthur H. Clark Co., Cleveland, 1909). The letter was posted on the steamboat and stamped with the Packet Company's mark, as is often done with railway postal car letters.

AGRICULTURAL FAIRS IN WISCONSIN

We are assembling information regarding the history, origin, and development of Agricultural Fairs in the United States and Europe. Could you send to me references to this general subject?

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The first State Agricultural Fair in Wisconsin was held at Janesville in 1851; since that it has met annually except for the